

FARMWORKERS

THE MERCHANTS AND BUSINESSMEN OF EL CENTRO, BRAWLEY, CALIFORNIA, HOLTVILLE, CALIPATRIA, NILAND, WESTMORLAND, IMPERIAL AND SEELEY GREET YOU. WE WANT YOU TO GET WORK AND BE PROSPEROUS.

The big farmers of Imperial Valley have been importing Mexican farmworkers under Public Law #78 to work here. These Public Law #78 Mexicans carry "WHITE CARDS". The big farmers also have been bringing in fake immigrants who carry "GREEN CARDS" and live across the border in Mexico. These two sets of Mexican farmworkers, the WHITE CARDS and the GREEN CARDS are easily swindled by certain big farmers and labor camps on their work hours, their wages, their lodgings, their feeding and their medical insurance. THAT IS WHY THE BIG FARMERS WANT TO EMPLOY THEM INSTEAD OF YOU DOMESTIC FARMWORKERS.

You domestic farmworkers and your families buy locally and this helps the local merchants and businessmen. The imported Mexicans spend their money in Mexico and do not pay any local taxes and THIS HAS CAUSED MANY LOCAL MERCHANTS AND BUSINESSMEN TO GO BROKE. As an example of what happened in one town, here are the stores and businesses that closed in El Centro. Besides these, many little businesses closed. This is true of all the towns of Imperial Valley.

Thom McAn Shoe store
Western Auto Supply Store
Pep Boys Auto Supply Store
Valley Hardware Store
Golden State Bottling plant
Weber's Baking plant

S.H. Kress Store
F.W. Woolworth Store
Karl's Shoe Store
Franklin Dress Shop
Rollie's Shoe Store
N.C. Roberts & Co. stockbrokers

THE LAW SAYS THAT DOMESTIC FARMWORKERS SHOULD BE GIVEN THE FARMWORK BEFORE THE IMPORTED MEXICANS. THEREFORE, THE IMPORTED MEXICANS MUST BE TAKEN OFF THE JOBS AND THE JOBS GIVEN TO THE LOCAL WORKERS.

The big farmers and labor camps will use all sorts of tricks to keep you from getting work. If you get work, they will harass you to try to make you quit.

Here is what to do. GO TO THE OFFICE OF

DR. BEN YELLEN
128 South 8th St.
Brawley, Calif.

He will take your statement and advise you as to your rights. He will show you how to take action against the big farmers or labor camps who are doing you an injustice. It is no use applying to Calif. State agencies or to the U.S. Dept. of Labor to help you. Certain of the employees of these agencies are in cahoots with the big farmers and labor camps and will only give you double talk.

Now to get farmwork- in El Centro, go to the Calif. Farm Placement Service office at Broadway and 4th St. In Brawley, go to 152 West Main St.

If any of the clerks in these employment offices tell you there is no work or to come back tomorrow, this is a violation of the law. Go and see Dr. Yellen to file your complaint. Try to find out the name of this clerk and look at him closely so you can describe him and also so that you can identify this clerk. ACTION WILL BE TAKEN AGAINST THIS CLERK FOR NEGLECT OF DUTY.

If the clerk gives you a referral slip to a camp which is faraway and does not provide transportation to take you there, this is a violation of the law. This is very important as to the Brawley office

which may give you a REFERRAL slip to the Imperial Valley Farmers Ass'n camp at Niland without providing transportation for you to get there. Under Public Law #78, the farmers import Mexicans from 850 miles below the border and take them to all parts of California and pay for the transportation. Under the regulations of Public Law #78, you are also entitled to transportation from the Calif. Farm Placement office to the labor camp. Report this violation immediately to Dr. Yellen if it occurs.

When you arrive at a camp and you are told that you can not come in and eat until you have done one day's work, this is also a violation. The Mexicans are brought across the border and fed and taken to camps and lodged and fed and you domestic farmworkers are entitled to the same rights under Public Law #78.

Many camps poison you with their bad food. You have the right to just live in camp and eat where you please. If they poison you and the other domestic farmworkers with the food or the food is generally bad, file your complaint with Dr. Yellen who will show you what action you should take.

Domestic farmworkers do not have to live in any camp. This is very important to married men who want to live with their families in town. If the camp tries to fire you or prevent you from working, this is a violation of Public Law #78.

Some labor camps try to make it tough for you so that you will quit. Do not quit. Report this to Dr. Yellen for action.

Some labor camps try to force you to sign slips saying, "I quit" under the threat that the employer will not pay you your last paycheck. DO NOT SIGN SUCH SLIPS. GO AND FILE YOUR COMPLAINT WITH DR. YELLEN.

Public Law #78 gives the work to the domestic farmworkers first. THIS MEANS THAT YOU MUST GET FULLTIME WORK FIRST AND IF ANY WORK IS LEFT OVER, THE IMPORTED PUBLIC LAW #78 MEXICANS CAN GET IT. You do not have to share the work with the imported Mexicans, where you get 3 hours work a day and the imported Mexican gets 3 hours work a day. By this method both you and the Mexican are forced to work just for "eats" and the labor camp gets rich in this swindle. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT COMPLAINT TO GO TO SEE DR. YELLEN.

Many times the labor camps send out the Public Law #78 Mexicans who carry the "White Cards" to work while you domestic farmworkers are not sent to work. This of course is another violation.

Many labor camps send buses down to Mexicali to pick up "Green Card" Mexicans who are fake immigrants. THESE ARE NOT PUBLIC LAW #78 MEXICANS. These Mexicans do not live at the camps. In the case of these imported Mexicans, the labor camps are acting as labor contractors. They will often send these "Green Card" Mexicans to work while you are not given work. This is discrimination against native born American farmworkers and against alien farmworkers who live in the United States with their families. This is a violation of the CALIFORNIA FAIR EMPLOYMENT ACT. Go to Dr. Yellen immediately if you are not being given work and the work is given to the "Green Card" Mexicans.

If you live in a labor camp and no heat is provided in the winter so that you are uncomfortable and you have to sleep in your street clothes, this is a violation of the law. The same is true as regards the heat in the summer.

When you go to Dr. Yellen for advice on your labor problems, there is no charge for the advice and help. IT IS FREE. It is a public service given you so that the big farmers will not be able to ruin our community by running out the domestic farmworkers and their families who are the customers of the local merchants and businessmen.

For you domestic farmworkers and your families who arrive here broke, in El Centro apply to the Salvation Army place at 375 North 5th St. In Brawley, go to Bread of Life Mission, 1133 East Main St.

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